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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT RICHARD BURT BY-LINER IN NEW YORK
TIMES JULY 13 HEADED "MOYNIHAN SAYS HE WAS ASKED TO FIGHT
SOVIET DEAL."

2. SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, DEMOCRAT OF NEW YORK,
DISCLOSED TODAY THAT A "RESPONSIBLE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL"
HAD ASKED HIM TO BRING PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO
BAN THE SALE OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIET UNION.

3. SENATOR MOYNIHAN'S DISCLOSURE CAME IN THE MIDST OF A
GROWING DEBATE WITHIN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OVER WHETHER
THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CANCEL EXPORT DEALS WITH MOSCOW IN
RETALIATION FOR THE TRIALS OF TWO MAJOR RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS.

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4. IN A SPEECH IN THE SENATE, SENATOR MOYNIHAN SUPPORTED
THE ATTEMPT BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS TO CURB
THE EXPORT OF A COMPUTER AND OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT TO THE
SOVIET UNION, BUT HE CITED WHAT HE TERMED THE "UNCOMMON
PERSISTENCE WITH WHICH THE OPPONENTS OF THESE PARTICULAR
SALES HAVE PRESSED THEIR CASE."

5. "A RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL TELEPHONED ME AND ASKED THAT I RAISE THIS MATTER PUBLICLY," HE SAID, "WHICH OF COURSE I AM HAPPY TO DO."

6. BRZEZINSKI AIDE MADE CALL. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED THE CALLER AS SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, AN AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, AND A STRONG ADVOCATE OF USING AMERICAN TRADE AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING MOSCOW'S POLICIES.

7. MR. HUNTINGTON SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH SENATOR MOYNIHAN ON MONDAY ABOUT THE PROPOSED SALES BUT DID NOT PRESS HIM TO TAKE A PUBLIC STAND AGAINST THEM.

8. AIDES OF SENATOR MOYNIHAN SAID HE WAS NOT CONCERNED OVER MR. HUNTINGTON'S APPARENT ATTEMPT TO BRING CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE TO BEAR ON AN INTERAGENCY DEBATE AND THAT THE SENATOR'S SPEECH WAS DESIGNED TO PROD THE ADMINISTRATION INTO TAKING FURTHER ACTION AGAINST MOSCOW FOR THE TRIALS OF ANATOLY B. SHCHARANSKY AND ALEKSANDR GINZBURG.

9. HOWEVER, SEVERAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE OVER THE EPISODE AND SAID THAT IT THREATENED TO EXACERBATE ALREADY STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE OVER THE ISSUE OF LINKING UNCLASSIFIED

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TRADE TO THE TRAILS OF THE TWO DISSIDENTS.

10. SOME OFFICIALS ALSO ARGUED THAT EFFORTS EARLIER THIS WEEK BY MR. HUNTINGTON AND OTHER NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS TO PRESS FOR EXPORT SANCTIONS THREATENED CURRENT TALKS ON ARMS CONTROL IN GENEVA BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A. GROMYKO.

11. AT THE CRUX OF THE INTERAGENCY DEBATE IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF THE SALE TO MOSCOW OF A LARGE SPERRY UNIVAC COMPUTER AND A DEAL WITH DRESSER INDUSTRIES OF DALLAS FOR THE EXPORT OF PLANS AND EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE HIGH-QUALITY DRILL BITS.

12. THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE TREASURY AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS, IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CANCELING THE DEALS ON THE GROUND THAT TO DO SO WOULD NOT ALTER MOSCOW'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE BUT WOULD HURT AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. OFFICIALS IN THESE AGENCIES ARGUE THAT AMERICAN PRODUCTS MAKE UP ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF SOVIET IMPORTS AND THAT, IF THE DEALS ARE CANCELED, MOSCOW WOULD PROBABLY TURN TO OTHER WESTERN SUPPLIERS.

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13. HOWEVER, AIDES TO MR. BRZEZINSKI ARGUE THAT IN VIEW OF THE POLICY AGAINST LINKING THE ARMS TALKS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC SUBJECTS, MOSCOW'S GROWING TECHNOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE SOVIET POLICIES.

14. ACTION CALLED IMPROPER. IN PARTICULAR, THE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT MOSCOW'S EMERGING PROBLEM OF MEETING FUTURE OIL REQUIREMENTS PROVIDES THE ADMINISTRATION WITH THE MEANS TO USE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY TO WIN POLITICAL CONCESSIONS.

15. ASKED ABOUT EFFORTS BY WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS TO SEEK UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT TO INFLUENCE ADMINISTRATION POLICY, JODY POWELL, THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, SAID: "THESE THINGS ARE BEST HANDLED INTERNALLY." THE SAME SENTIMENT WAS EXPRESSED BY OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO CALLED MR. HUNTINGTON'S ALLEGED ACTION IMPROPER. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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